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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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LETTER OF DEFICIENCY #WSEB 03-282
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Center Harbor, NH 03226

Subject: Center Harbor - Public Water System: Immaculate Conception School (EPA #0394010)

Dear Mr. Curran:

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that the subject water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system supplying 15 or more service connections, or 25 or more people, for 60 or more days per year.

BACTERIA MCL

The water system owner is required to submit samples to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory for coliform bacteria analysis in compliance with NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 325.

DES records show that Standard Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) violations for total coliform bacteria, as defined in NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 315.01, have occurred and that letters of violation were issued for the following months:

July 2002 and October 2003

DES believes the MCL violations can be corrected and future violations prevented by taking the following actions:

- By November 12, 2003**, retain the services of a qualified water system consultant to address the system's water quality problems relative to the history of bacteriological contamination; and
2. **By December 3, 2003**, submit to DES for review a copy of the consultant's report. The report shall include an identification of the perceived causes of the bacteria contamination, a consideration of the installation of bacterial disinfection/inactivation equipment, and recommendations to correct the bacteria contamination; and
- 3 **By December 17, 2003**, submit to DES for review and approval an implementation schedule which identifies specific dates by which steps to correct the bacteria contamination will be accomplished.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Pursuant to Env-Ws 352, the water system owner is required to issue to the system's customers a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) by July 1st of each year. Env-Ws 352 also requires the system owner to forward a copy of the CCR to DES by July 1st of each year and to submit certification of the CCR to DES by October 1st of each year.

DES records show that the subject water system submitted the 2003 CCR to DES on June 11, 2003. However, the subject water system failed to submit to DES the 2003 CCR Certification, thereby placing the water system in violation of Env-Ws 352.

DES believes the CCR violation can be corrected and future violations prevented by taking the following actions:

4. **By November 12, 2003, submit to DES the 2003 CCR certification.**

In the event compliance is not achieved within the above listed period(s), DES may take further enforcement action. These actions include issuing an order requiring the deficiencies to be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding, and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

All the above requested information should be addressed as follows

Department of Environmental Services
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If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Anne Bailey at (603) 271-0672 or by email at abailey@des.state.nh.us.

Sincerely,



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Anthony P. Giunta, P.G., Administrator
Water Supply Engineering Bureau

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Enclosure: 2003 CCR Certification Form for Water Systems

cc: Gretchen Rule, DES Legal Unit
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